

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-31, 39, and 40 are allowed.

Claims 32-38 and 41 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 32-38 and 41 in one or more continuation application(s).

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 37 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement.

Without conceding the correctness of the position taken by the Examiner in the October 22, 2004 Office Action, in order to further prosecution of this application, claims 37 and 41 have been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102/103

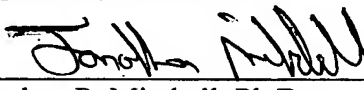
Claims 32-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Karimian *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,903, "Karimian").

Without conceding the correctness of the position taken by the Examiner in the October 22, 2004 Office Action, in order to further prosecution of this application, claims 32-38 have been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that each of the pending claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment and pass this application to issue.

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